



Council Cabinet

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Report sponsors:

Councillor Baggy Shanker Leader of the Council
and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance
and Finance

ITEM 13

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Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1
 - Acceptance of Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC), Homelessness Prevention Grant of £1.058m in 2023/24
 - Acceptance of DLUHC, Homelessness Prevention Grant - Top Up Grant Homes for Ukraine of £0.307m in 2023/24.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve acceptance of DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 of £1.058m, as outlined in section 4.1.
- 2.2 To approve acceptance of DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 – Top Up Grant Homes for Ukraine of £0.307m, as outlined in 4.2.
- 2.3 To delegate approval to the Chief executive following consultation with the S151 Officer and the cabinet member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services, to agree final terms and arrangements for spending these grants.
- 2.4 To note the continuation of the arrangement with Derby Homes (DH), in line with the 2021 Partnership Agreement and cabinet delegation, for the delivery and management of the housing options and homelessness service in line with the principles set out below at paragraph 4.2.3.

Reason

- 3.1 To comply with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

Supporting information

- 4.1 **DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant – acceptance of grant funding of £1.058m**
This ringfenced revenue grant of £1.058m for 2023/24 has been provided to the Council:

- To fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act and contribute to ending rough sleeping by increasing activity to prevent single homelessness.

- To ensure financial viability of services by contributing to the costs of statutory duties, including implementing the Homelessness Reduction Act and supporting with the costs of temporary accommodation.
- To reduce family temporary accommodation numbers through maximising family homelessness prevention and reduce the use of unsuitable B&Bs for families.

4.1.1 It is recommended to approve acceptance of the DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant 2022/23 of £1.058m.

4.2 DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant Top Up funding – Homes for Ukraine – 2023/24 grant of £0.307m.

This ringfenced grant has been provided to the Council. As a top-up to the existing Homelessness Prevention Grant, this grant is ringfenced for homelessness to target those most in need and to ensure local authorities are resourced to take action to prevent homelessness and continue to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

4.2.1 The purpose of this specific top up is to maximise supporting the Ukrainian cohort into sustainable accommodation, for example through access to the private rental sector, employment support, facilitating ongoing sponsorship into guests' second year and other upstream support, in line with the flexibility that the HPG conditions afford. This funding may also be used to support with wider homelessness pressures

4.2.2 It is recommended to approve acceptance of the DLUHC Homelessness Prevention Grant Top Up funding – Homes for Ukraine 2023/24 grant of £0.307m.

4.2.3 For both grants DH will invoice Derby City Council (DCC) up to the value of the grant and deliver the homelessness service in line with grant conditions and as detailed in the Partnership agreement with DCC.

4.2.4 For both grants it is recommended to delegate approval to the Chief Executive following consultation with the S151 Officer and the cabinet member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services, to agree final terms and arrangements for spending these grants.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 None required

Other options

6.1 To not except the grant has been discounted as it would reduce the financial resource available to the Council for a statutory service.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 As detailed in the main body of the report.

Legal implications

8.1 None arising directly from the report

Climate implications

9.1 None arising directly from the report

Socio-Economic implications

10.1 None arising directly from the report

Other significant implications

11.1 None arising directly from the report

This report has been approved by the following people:

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